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SUBJECT: STRIKES AND WORK STOPPAGES IN THE FGR IN 1973

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1. THE FEDERAL LABOR MINISTRY HAS RELEASED OFFICIAL  
STATISTICS ON MAN DAY LOST THROUGH STRIKES AND WORK  
STOPPAGES IN 1973.

2. LAST YEAR, 185,000 WORKERS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC  
STRUCK 732 FIRMS CAUSING THE LOSS OF 563,000 MAN-DAYS.  
2.7 MAN-DAYS WERE LOST FOR EVERY 100 EMPLOYED WORKERS  
AND WHITE COLLAR EMPLOYEES. THIS FIGURE COMPARES  
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POORLY WITH 1972 WHEN ONLY 0.3 MAN-DAYS PER 100 WORKERS

WERE LOST BUT FAVORABLY WITH 1971, THE YEAR WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF STRIKES IN THE POSTWAR ERA, WHEN 21.9 MAN-DAYS FOR EVERY 100 EMPLOYED WORKERS AND WHITE COLLAR EMPLOYEES WERE LOST THROUGH STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS.

3. HARDEST HIT WAS THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY. ALTHOUGH IT ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY 3 PERCENT OF FIRMS STRUCK AND 39 PERCENT OF THOSE STRIKING, THE ABOVE AVERAGE DURATION OF STRIKES, 4.5 DAYS, CAUSED THIS INDUSTRY TO SUFFER ALMOST 60 PERCENT OF ALL MAN-DAYS LOST. TWELVE PERCENT AND 10 PERCENT OF MAN-DAYS LOST OCCURRED IN THE ELECTRONICS AND THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRIES RESPECTIVELY. EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF FIRMS STRUCK AND APPROXIMATELY 19 PERCENT OF THOSE STRIKING WERE IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, THE PRINTING INDUSTRY, WHERE MOST OF THE TIME LOST WAS DUE TO BRIEF WORK STOPPAGES OR WARNING STRIKES, ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 2 PERCENT OF MAN-DAYS LOST.

4. STRIKES IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY WERE THE PRIMARY REASON THAT 62 PERCENT OF MAN-DAYS LOST WERE IN BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG. NORTH-RHINE-WESTPHALIA ACCOUNTED FOR 25 PERCENT OF THE TIME LOST.

5. THERE WERE NO LOCKOUTS IN 1973.

6. THE LABOR MINISTRY DID NOT COMPARE THE STRIKE RECORD OF THE FRG WITH THAT OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN 1973, BUT IN PREVIOUS YEARS TIME LOST THROUGH STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS IN THE FRG THAN IN

OTHER WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE

EC STATISTICS FOR 1972 SHOW THAT MAN-DAYS LOST FOR EVERY 1,000 WORKERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

ITALY	1,315
UNITED KINGDOM	1,081
IRELAND	287
FRANCE	228

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